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to Canada—to shed some light ("The vanishing loonie," *The Week That Was*, Jan. 28), I did not come to Canada because of persecution or poverty. I came because Canada was safe and different from the States. Immigrants would, will and did invest in Canada because it was close to but different from the States, as people invest in Switzerland, even if the Swiss speak German and French, instead of investing in France or Germany. Our ever-closer relationship to the States, our lack of confidence in ourselves, the lack of political leadership—that is why people do not trust the Canadian dollar. Why buy the copy if you can get the original?

Carla Kula, Ithaca, N.Y.

The point of death

The article "When does life end?" (Health, Jan. 28) may leave the impression that I thought my daughter Sandrine might not have been dead. Quite the contrary, I felt totally confident at the time, and still do, that Sandrine was no longer with us and that organ donation was the right and only thing to do following her tragic school bus accident. It is true I did not know why she had to be anesthetized. However, in the 26 years since Sandrine's death, I have learned much about brain death. I now know as these rays used to prevent reflex connections during surgery and help preserve adequate blood flow to the organs. Knowing that my people's lives were either saved or rebuffed by receiving Sandrine's organs continues to bring my son and me great comfort. Families should never doubt that brain death is declared only after the most meticulous consideration by a team of expert specialists.

Diane Gung, Dorval, Ont.

As a practicing anesthesiologist, I hope I can clarify some points raised in the article. One of the primary skills of the anesthesiologist is that of life-support. That skill becomes most important as the physiology of our patient becomes more fragile, either from disease or from the severity of the surgical occasion. During the surgical event of organ harvest, when the other functions of the anesthesiologist (such as the prevention of infection and analgesia) are unnecessary, life-support because the sole service that we can provide. With the passage of time, as the science of a functioning brain



Georg understood her daughter had died

and brainstem, muscle spasms and profound cardiac and cardiovascular instability and hyper-reactivity become more common. The anesthesiologist occasionally has to compensate for this hyper-reactivity in the opening moments of the presence of brain death, it is not a sign of pain awareness.

Dr. David J. Lipson, Anesthesiologist, Peter Langford Centre, Calgary

You have eloquently provided an opportunity for us to think further about the oversimplifications, consequences and ambiguity of medical science's definitions of death—the least understood and therefore still the most frightening and feared of all human experiences.

Jonathan M. O'Callaghan, Mount Pleasant, P.E.I.

Boxed in

Allan Fotheringham tells us with absolute assurance that *Ali*, the film, is the best movie of the year ("The incomparable Ali," Jan. 28). Two paragraphs later, he informs the reader that he had never heard of the actor Will Smith—"Ali" in the film—one of the best known and most active stars in Hollywood's talented firmament. Perhaps the Foht should leave film reviewing to those who know something of which they write, and go back to doing what he does best. Whatever that is.

Thomas Russell Gurne, Ottawa

Ali's stature is monumental, but when it comes to boxing, Foht tells George Clooney short. He wears the distance over with *Ali*, though he never did become world champion. But as Gerald Rize, the great sportswriter, wrote: "When the one great boxer comes to write against your race, he mulls—not that you won

or lost—but how you played the game." And George played the game very well.

James M. Thompson, Oakville, Ont.

Waving the flag

Why is it that when Canadians finally have found a hamlet, yet distinctive, method of proclaiming their nationality—putting the flag on a backpack—somebody, and a Canadian at that, has to decide that it is not a good thing to do ("A Maple Leaf nipping," *The Back Page*, Jan. 28)? Experience just once the change in attitude when Europeans realize they are speaking with a Canadian and not an American, and you quickly recognize the power of that little Maple Leaf.

Rob Little, Halifax

Bearing the Canadian flag on your back is not supposed to create an immunity shield, nor grant you safe passage through any border crossing. I wear the flag for two reasons. First, it's a conversation piece. Second, I am very proud to be Canadian. No matter where, how hungry, tired, harassed, overworked or lost I get in the world, I always know where home is.

Greg Silver, Calgary

Taken to task

I have been told by many Canadian contacts and friends that *Alfred* is a decidedly one of the most anti-American mainstream publications in Canada. I'm afraid I must wholeheartedly agree. As someone subtle, sometimes overt, focus on why people hate, dislike or even Americans continues to attack this American. In *Past & Newsweek*, Jan. 7 essay, "The defining borders" examples of our purportedly extreme differences include references to the comprehensive nuclear test-ban treaty, the treaty banning the use of land mines and the Kyoto Accord. I would like to assure your readers of a simple truth, just because George W. Bush continues to force his unilateral stance on Americans and the rest of the world, that does not mean his personal or political values represent those of the majority of Americans. If *Newsweek* would spend some quality time in the United States, he might discover that Canadian and American values are more similar than he chooses to portray.

Caroline L. Kemper, Denver



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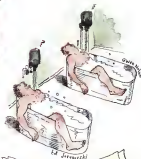
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Over to You **TARA WOHLFERT**

Going, going—go for it!

When my partner bounced through the door, clutching a glossy fine-art auction catalogue, I should have reminded him about our leaky roof. Or the fact that our beloved fence had officially gone from charming to dilapidated. Instead, I was mesmerized.

Hell found a Lawson Harris painting and proposed we bid on it. Bid? At a fine-art auction? With whose furnace? But his interest was contagious. The estimate was an innocent \$2,900-\$3,900, pure theft at twice the price, although we agreed to \$5,500 as an unconditional limit. Over the next few weeks, we bid—dozed through every Harris and Group of Seven source we could find. Harris mustn't be at it.

Our obsession was not with a calendar find of Group of Seven painting. There were no mountains or jack pines whose thick ovals screamed, "That is a piece of Canadiana." It was an abstract. There was a menacing doorway in its cool beige, pale blue and grey, riddled with theosophical triangles and hidden places of meaning.

It means the world to us. And just because one lacks ingenuity cash doesn't mean one isn't wise to be a lieutenant of the highest order. LSH No. 18 was indeed alpha art. But this painting was being knocked off by the Hell's Gallery, the Society of Women Canada. Hell had just made headlines handling a couple of Emily Carr owned by Bryan Adams. And we don't keep company with the likes of Bryan Adams or share his tax breaks. A crisis loomed: should we board a bid at Vancouver's secondmost Sheraton Wall Centre?

Harris had gone through his own crisis in the mid-1930s when that work was painted. Harris believed geometry would transport one to higher plane, a world of pure, clean thoughts and forms. In 1934, he had left his high-society wife, an astro astronomer and leader of the Group in search of theosophical balance and equilibrium—pure creativity—that could only be achieved by burning out of the theists that was his only Toronto life. It was a conversion experience. LSH No. 18 became a talisman for my partner and me. Our creative success would be sealed with this painting as our lucky charm.

The Wall Centre bathroom is burning when I arrive to meet my partner. I shiver in, seemingly unprepared with the plethora of Rolaflex and fine leather goods around us.

The estimates are staggering. One Harris, estimated at \$45,000-\$55,000, goes for \$77,500. Another, estimated at



\$20,000-\$30,000, goes for \$45,000. We are astoundedly one of our four-digit league. To me the reason, I was doodling on my catalogue—a mousethe here, a little to no-one there.

It's after 10 o'clock. My stomach arranges itself with nervous buckles. My calm partner has posed himself like an Olympic champion in anticipation of the starting gun. The white-brickable bidding paddle.

"And now, Lot 201. There has been a lot of interest expressed in this picture." Our hearts plummet as the book of photos lights up with abstract bids. I double-cross my fingers and, having never before sought supernatural intervention, try to invoke a power failure. But the electricity, eternal and eternal, remains intact. In under 10 seconds, the price soars past our limit, leading to \$6,000. The bidding is flung to the floor. My partner's hand shoots up and stands at attention, we don't bid it over a measly 500 bucks. I hear the chime, "Going, going, gone." The hammer slams down. For a second moment, I search the room in disbelief for the paddle that claimed "our" LSH No. 18. But it really is ours.

Our faces flush victory as we stride back to the main desk for "collateral." My partner racks our treasure under his arm, wedged in a black garbage bag, and we dash home in anticipation of The Hanging.

The subject of where to hang our masterpiece is a non-polite conversation. It demands one of my married-fun-35 years partners. The only time I ever thought they might divorce was when they were divorcing. When he passed our abstract, Harris viewed art as a means of inspiring to the equilibrium found in Plato's perfect and eternal world. It seemed silly to risk divorce over where to hang LSH No. 18.

It now occupies a position of pride (intentionally covering a suburban "furnace wall") to the right of our fireplace. References to LSH No. 18 come in two distinct varieties. Species A is the spontaneous, "Wow—congratulations." Species B is the Canadian classic, "So, you think you're an collector now, do?" But we're content to up our creative bidding and fortify our creativity from the sapping coaches in front of our masterpiece. Can Can the Sheraton-out-of-everybody's with us, as we continue our remarkable lives—with a Lawson Harris painting to protect us. ■

Time Wellbeing writer and teacher source at Vancouver in finance her husband. Exhibits A—LSH No. 18—in shows above.



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that there was a need.

In 1993, "Even if you have what appears on the surface to be a national party, in effect there have to be working alliances and coalitions between movers and shakers in Atlantic Canada, Quebec, Ontario, the Prairie people and B.C.," he said. "I don't think I disappointed them."

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In his first State of the Union address, George W. Bush warned that the United States must remain vigilant in its search for the tens of thousands of highly trained Al-Qaeda soldiers stalking U.S. nuclear stations and other targets. "What we have found in Afghanistan confirms

Named: Map topped Dallas Mavericks' **Steve Nash**, 26, will be the first Canadian to play in the NBA's Star Game game of

Victoria, was chosen as a referee for the Western Conference game. The 34-foot-three point guard will also compete in the three-point contest during the Feb. 6-10 NBA All-Star Weekend in Philadelphia.

Hired: After nearly two years in retirement, Toronto broadcast executive **Jim Thompson** is the new CEO of the Canadian Olympic Association. Thompson spent 34 years in television sports—starting at CBC. He is the former president of NetStar Sports Group, the parent company of The Sports Network. Taking over from **Carol Anne Lefebvre**, who died of a brain aneurysm last September. Thompson, 59, will start his four-year contract with the COA in March.

Filed: Larry Robinson, of Winchester, Ont., was mailed for losing the New Jersey Devils to victory in the 2000 Stanley Cup, as well as its last year's final against Colorado. Last week, the defenseman turned coach was dismissed, but being easier than filing 25 under-achieving players. Only Greg Carver, Edmonton native. **Ron Heston** was dismissed as head coach of the Dallas Stars. They won the Cup in 1999.

Died: André Lorde created the popular children's book character: Poppy Longplanchette. Her father, **Ken Lorde**, who was ill in bed. The Swedish author published more than 100 works, including plays and collections, and the Longplanchette novels, which first appeared in 1945. Lorde, 94, died of his home in Stockholm.

that he from ending there, we are against, there is only beginning." Bush said. Calling North Korea "evil and lying," he accused the three states of developing weapons of mass destruction and warned that unless they built their efforts, they will face catastrophic consequences.

Snowball's chance

British tabloid reporters got a heavy welcome from citizens of Ottawa, Ont., when they arrived to dig up dirt on Amy Gutwirth, a 26-year-old Canadian teacher accused of seducing two underage boys at a London-area school where she taught. "All we wanted to do was take some pictures" and one reporter: "They

totally embroiled us with snow balls." British reporters have also offered cash to local journalists in exchange for information. Gutwirth has pleaded not guilty to the charges and her lawyer has demanded the teenagers as suffering from schoolboy fantasies.

Unions cry foul

Union workers throughout British Columbia walked off the job to protest new measures imposed by the government to rein them in. First, 40,000 teachers staged a day of protest, followed by some 8,000 of B.C.'s construction workers. In an emergency session two days earlier, Premier Gordon Campbell's Liberal government had passed legislation

allowing the government to break existing public-sector union contracts. To try to avert tensions, the premier announced that all 77 Liberal MPs will take an immediate five-per-cent wage cut and have their salaries frozen for three years.

More than money talks

In a show of support for New York City, some 2,700 business leaders, politicians and celebrities from 106 countries gathered in Manhattan for the 33rd annual World Economic Forum. The forum, which moved from its usual Alpine retreat in Davos, Switzerland, as usually an examination of global business trends. But this year participants, pointing Sept. 11 as a wake-up call, vowed to discuss poverty, the AIDS epidemic and other global ills. Still, the city braced for the violent protests that have marred international economic meetings in recent years, in Seattle, Quebec City and Geneva, with some 4,000 police lining the streets. Among the Canadians in attendance were Prime Minister Jean Chrétien, Finance Minister Paul Martin and Bank of Canada Governor David Dodge.

Accountability lessons

A commission co-chaired by former MPP leader to Broadbent says Canada should take political party contributions by corporations and unions. The Canadian Democracy and Corporate Accountability Commission, which had by June Brett, chairman of publisher Maclean's and Stewart, says that while the impact of corporate donations is a complex question, for many people "the appearance of undue influence as an important, as its impact is so great." A bill should be recommended by an expansion of public electoral financing, the commission says. After a year of research and hearings it called on governments and business to institute firm corporate social responsibility rules so that leaders take into account the social impact of business decisions, including the effect on the environment and human rights.

Karzai lobbies for Afghanistan's future

British Prime Minister Tony Blair with Karzai



An advance party of 70 leaders from the Paktia Province's Canadian Light Infantry left Edmonton last week en route to Kandahar. There, they will join 1,700 Canadian soldiers who arrived in the region last month and help prepare for the arrival of the rest of Canada's 750-member contingent to Afghanistan. The remaining troops are expected to be replaced by mid-February to support humanitarian projects, as well as take part in the search for Al Qaeda suspects and holdovers of the deposed Taliban regime. But Afghanistan remained a volatile place, in strategic Paktia province, where border Pakistan, rebel warlords began shelling each

other for control of the area, a conflict that represented a new challenge to interim leader Hamid Karzai's attempts to forge a lasting peace in his war-torn country. On a trip to the United States and Britain, Karzai asked the UN to expand the international force of 5,000 peacekeepers protecting his fledgling government. His request came as CNN broadcast an interview with the elusive Osama bin Laden, believed to have been arrested at the height of the fighting last October, in which the Al Qaeda leader declared the use of "terror." "We killed those who kill our sons in terrorism," he said, "then let history witness that we are terrorists."



Canadian soldiers with prisoners in Kandahar have given Chrétien a political headache

John Chrétien's sign has often been called "misleading," but last week, as the focus moved away from his year-end break, it was seen as a sign of a man who was not waiting for his last year-end break. It was a sign of a man who was not waiting for his last year-end break. It was a sign of a man who was not waiting for his last year-end break.

Chrétien's new deputy prime minister, John Manley, didn't help matters by suggesting it wouldn't have much of a difference "had the Prime Minister taken a few days or a few hours earlier." Any hint that Chrétien is removed from pressing events is precisely what he has to fight against these days. After all, with his Jan. 15 cabinet shuffle, Chrétien turned over much of the day-to-day responsibility to Manley. That raised questions about how long Chrétien plans to stay on, with



some speculating privately that 2002 would be his last full year in office. Others, though, believe he is in for the long haul. Either the assumption that Chrétien is going, or (perhaps over the notion of him staying, say) explain why the strong glow of Liberal discipline is showing signs of fading. Chrétien, who has been in the cabinet since 1987, when Lester B. Pearson was clearly on his way out, his cabinet is changing, and an excellent succession plan is being laid out. After a dreadful start in the 2000 political season, Chrétien must regain his balance—or risk presiding over Liberal history repeating itself.

complaint. A key test of Chrétien's ability to restore uncorrupted control is his latest clash with Manley. The finance minister's support back a rule that prevents mass distribution of party membership forms. Chrétien is seeking the power to pass out as many as he likes—but Manley's team isn't backing down.

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John Seaton

Should Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan shoot down their prisoners in the U.S. military?



Behind the B.C. throne

The last time British Columbia had a Liberal government was in December of 1941, led by Duff Pattullo, who tickled across the Chilko Pass in the Yukon and arrived in Dawson City in 1898. It hasn't had one since and certainly doesn't have one now.

After Duff's Grits were reduced to a minority in the Victoria legislature in an October, 1944 election, his nervous party moved to form a B.C. Coalition government with the Conservatives—both being terrified by the approaching socialist hordes of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation (where dare these inefficient people come up with these names?), Duff quit.

The anti-socialist Coalition lasted until 1952 after Kelowna woodworker Wilby Bennett deserted the Tory ranks to adopt a poorly aimed called Social Credit from Alberta and gained power through a new system of transferable ballot (since

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Winch, cheated twice, understandably became an alcoholic).

There then followed the furled folios that made B.C. into the Lizard and Hasty of Canadian politics. Former socialist Dave Barrett losing only three years after getting in a fight with his own union leaders; a spell under Wilby's son, Mike-Wal, now disgraced over an insider-trading scandal; the scorching Bill Vander Zant who asked for a Taiwanese billionaire gave him at 3 a.m. in the Baphoon Inn a brown envelope packed with 100 million dollars; innocent Mike Harcourt resigning over a striped bongo scarf; Glen Clark, as we speak, in court over some notepaper about a carpenter's neighbour building him a dock on his house that seems to have cost \$39.97.

Not to worry, this is all Louis Lund. When there is the current myth that Gordon Campbell is the current Liberal ruler of the West Coast. It is not. The chap who runs B.C. is a chap called Peter Brown.

There has not been a real Liberal party in B.C. since the Mike-Wal days, when most of the Grit camp—Gordon Gibson, once a Trades Union activist, now an Ottawa-baring Alliance leader, being one of the hold-overs—normalized their limits to Social Credit in return for cabinet posts. Those who sold out included Dr. Pat McGree, an Olympic basketball star and

now a world-renowned researcher on Alzheimer's and Guide Gordon, who has just passed on his role as B.C. lieutenant-governor to Iana Campagnolo (and Liberal).

Gordon Campagnolo's "Liberal" government is a Potemkin village. It was created, and is financed, from Howe Street—Vancouver's version of Bay Street. Howe Street, and the infamous penny-stock Vancouver Stock Exchange, is run by Peter (The Rabbit) Brown. He is a legend in the second most beautiful city in the world, and he deserves to be.

Brown is the product of a most Establishment family—his father a big, chic power figure, his brother head of the world's largest private boy's school, his uncle the most expensive lawyer on the coast. At the University of British Columbia, The Rabbit failed first year three times, the problem being playing cards all day. His most famous egg, while at UBC, was poaching over a wild parrot at his digs on Southwest

Marine Drive, where all the millionaires live. In the wheel house, the lack thought it would be fun to take a hand-saw and saple a huge tree on the lawn. Whoops. It fell the wrong way into a neighbour's proud rose garden. At 10 a.m. the next day there was a knock on the door. It was Frank McElbain, an oil and gas speculator. "Ooo," he said. "The Rabbit. I've just bought the place."

Brown is famous in Palm Springs, Calif., surrounded by his buddies at the swimming pool, for ordering up a case of "the Dean" to while away the afternoon. At Whistler at Umbagog, he could be seen at 7 p.m., just finishing up lunch on the way to dinner, most of his companions as bad state of collapse while The Rabbit is the only one erect.

He has captured now. Now the CEO of Vancouver's Accused Capital Corp., he runs the largest independent investment firm in Canada with offices reaching to Europe. Remarkably, still managed to his childhood sweetheart, who has dedicated his later years to elect a "Liberal" government in Victoria. It is The Rabbit who has collected the Howe Street money to ensure that there can only be one "free enterprise" party against the Red Hare.

He got the Social money, the links and drabs of what was left of the provincial Conservative cash funds, the defeated Liberal remnants of Shaughnessy Heights (where the CPR increases 10c) and failed into—shameless—what is now the Liberal party of B.C. It is one of the great scams of modern Canadian politics.

"Premier" Gordon Campagnolo takes his orders from elsewhere. He is the Charles McCarthy of B.C. politics. His Edgar Bergen lives on Howe Street.

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CHURCH AND STATE



In Salt Lake City, they're promising fun and Games, not a Mormon conquest.

BY KEN MACQUEEN in Salt Lake City

They eat Jell-O in the great sense of Utah: Jell-O by the truck load. By the rail car. Green Jell-O, primarily. Sometimes they jazz it up by adding marshmallows or gummy bears. It's a Mormon thing, as essential to a pot-back supper as scalloped "Tatered" potatoes. Since 70 per cent of Utahns are members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, as Mormons are properly known, that accounts for more Jell-O consumption per capita than any state in the union, an achievement that inspires an inexplicable degree of pride. First-class Jell-O Olympic collector pins, for instance, now sell for US\$125.

The jiggly stuff is but one indicator of the wholesome image that blazes, at all times, Utah, depending on one's point of view. There is also a notorious opposite fornic strain in Utah. "Don't Walk" signs at intersections are posted as Holy Writ. Cuss words, with the exception of oh my lord and f word (when used like *frickin'* and *frickin'*), are as rare as discarded cigarette butts. The state's public indecency law is so sweeping, it could be used, as *The Salt Lake Tribune* raved in December, "to prosecute exhibits of Michelangelo's classic nude *Danaë* sculpture or even displays of bare-breasted women in *National Geographic* magazine."

Salt Lake City is a world headquarters for the 11-million-member LDS Church, as it is known here. Its adherents founded the city in 1847, and brought Utah into the union in 1896, after dropping, as a condition of statehood, an enthusiastic embrace of polygamy. Its members, in the main, do not indulge in sex outside of marriage. Nor do they gamble, smoke, drink alcohol or such caffeinated beverages as coffee or tea. Even the consumption of Coca-Cola, a major Olympic sponsor, is frowned upon, though it is generously conceded to be a lesser evil.

Utahns are painfully aware that they have, in fact, two reputations to live down: one, that they're a handful of sour prudes, two, that they sold their souls to

City sights: the mountains, Family History Library, Jell-O, Temple, pickup sacrifices and homelessness. Previous special: office towers promote the Olympic spirit, but the Temple is the city's spiritual center.



the devil to win the Olympics. It was, after all, the city's now disbanded and discarded bid committee that procured a massive bribery scandal by showering the most vulnerable members of the International Olympic Committee with a reported US\$67 million in "gifts," from scholarships to travel to medical care and fancy gear. The whole sorry mess uncovered the city with the tabloid bent usually reserved for fallen TV evangelists. The result was an unprecedented house-cleaning and self-examination. Salt Lake awaits the world's verdict, as ready as any host city can be, eager to please and feebly self-conscious.

They'll talk about how wholesome we are and point out the irony of our role in the biggest scandal in Olympic history" and the Mormon-owned *Deseret News*, the state's second-largest newspaper, "They'll walk over to Coorland Plaza and lay that old standby, the 'Eat, Drink and Be Merry For Tomorrow You May Be an Utah' shot glass. *Deseret* points they'll mention Donny Osmond. We'll emerge as consumers of ourselves." Utah's pervasive Mormon influence cannot form from the get-go that the Salt Lake City Olympics would be different. You know, so. But the church would be The Official Wic Blesser of the 2002 Winter Games.

It's a matter that these Games belong to all Utah. They are not the Mormon Games, or the Mo-Jympics. That point is made repeatedly by the senior hierarchy of the church, and reinforced by Utah Governor Mike Leavitt, and organizing committee president and CEO Marc Rooney. If people are skeptical, it is only because both Leavitt and Rooney are also Mormon, as is every state Supreme Court justice, and 90 per cent of the legislature. The local NBC-TV affiliate broadcasting the Games is Mormon-owned. Then, there's the Utah Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, where four of five commissioners are unmarried church members.

Soil, Rooney, a misnamed Boston investment banker with a demure smooth as Zinfandel sex. In 1994 he struck a deal with the state. He was hired three years ago to get beyond the scandal, and he's largely succeeded. "We've rebuilt our image," he says. "This wasn't a scandal of athletes. It was a scandal of pigs in shirts and ties." Sensitive to fears of church domination, Rooney flirted with heresy by serving champagne and orange juice at a news conference. Eyebrows were raised, but the point was made. These Olympics

SAFETY IN NUMBERS

From the beginning, Olympic organizers considered security at the Winter Games of paramount importance. But after Sept. 11, Salt Lake City—bids to the world's most-watched sporting event with an estimated audience of 3.2 billion—looming like an even bigger target, from 70 nations will come 2,340 athletes (Canada bringing 358). Organizers are expecting 70,000 visitors every day, not counting 12,000 members of the media. Yet Salt's biggest U.S. director of homeland security, boasts Salt Lake will be "one of the safest places in the world." Here's a by-the-numbers look at the Games' security preparations.

20 number of state and federal agencies that comprise the Utah Olympic Public Safety Council.

30,000 total number of security personnel responsible for on-site management and intelligence gathering, including FBI agents, Secret Service and Treasury Board agents, Army National Guard units, emergency personnel, and local and state law enforcement officials.

3 target in matter of state this focus that will surround their events. Secret Service agents will protect some leaders on site or in residence.

72 kilometers radius over the region that has been designated a no-fly zone. Salt Lake City International Airport will be closed to commercial traffic at various times, including the opening and closing ceremonies at Rice-Eccles Stadium at the University of Utah.

2,400 km/h top speed of F-16 Fighting Falcons from NORAD base Base, 25 km north of Salt Lake City, if called to intercept suspicious aircraft. AMHS surveillance planes will also be monitoring the airspace.

250 Sacramento surveillance communication via mostly on image via in 304 times, while 360 degrees and use clearly at night-based around Salt Lake City.

440 walk-through metal detectors and 400 hand-held metal detectors will be positioned at venues.

15,000 open pits (in 440-4500 ft) available to Team Canada.

\$37 million federal security costs for 1998 Lake Placid Olympics, \$155 million for the 1994 Atlanta Olympics (and summer Games are much larger than winter).

\$430 million original Salt Lake budget for security.

\$500 million post-Sept. 11 security budget. The federal government is covering \$250 million, and the state of Utah is paying the rest.

Michael Sauter

community that is still the safest place to be during that period."

The Party:

Every second Tuesday, Janette Knowley, co-owner of Salt Lake's Port O' Call Social Club, holds an Olympic strategy meeting with senior staff. Today she has an attorney on the line offering legal advice on dealing with the inebriable guest. It's not that she anticipates trouble, she just doesn't know what to expect. Except a whole lot of people. The club, the largest downtown, is in the midst of an expansion to boost capacity to 1,250 people. Already it spills over those floors, past dance hall, past neighborhood local, past sports bar. As dawn of company goes, it's a pretty friendly place.

Under state law, the Port is a members-only club. This means that the uninvited could not innocently wander into an environment where they could be waylaid by signals, Canadian beer or other strong drink, joining a private club is about as difficult as pulling \$5 bill from your jeans for a temporary two-week membership. As quickly as more liquor laws are the Port's status as a private club gives Knowley rights she much appreciates. She can demand, for instance, that customers leave their concealed weapons in their cars, even though in Utah it's considered a God-given constitutional right to pack heat. The bar has mened doctors, but she's thinking of upgrading to more serious security guards, in the spirit of the times.

Alcohol laws have engendered heated debates, and prompted a local brewery to pack back at the Mormon majority by creating Polygraph Tower (Mesa). Why have just each? In reality, only the blind drunk will fail to find a drink at most any Olympic event—with the mindful exception of performance at the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. What organizers and state officials hope to achieve, after numerous negotiations, is both a festive atmosphere and a gentle reminder that the Olympic ideals of Finesse, Higher, Stronger do not apply to alcohol consumption.

The Risk:

Utah faces a danger far less abstract than someone the pressure to loosen up and become more like the other 49 states, because, path, what will the world think? Mormons—much practiced in shunning conformity—must be disposed to give in. While there are records in saying these Olympics, there is also risk in dismantling

Utah's foundations in reaction to what Biden Child quietly notes is "a 17-day event."

There is much worth seeing. Utah has the lowest rate of cancer deaths in the U.S., second-lowest death rate from heart disease, third-highest life expectancy fourth-highest rate of high-school graduates, and, though not independently verified, more men wearing crisp white shirts and careful ties than any place in the universe.

It really is "a great place to raise children," says Phoenix Allinger. Her middle daughter graduated from high school here. Her 12-year-old son is smug and happy. She and her husband, a biomechanics doing research at a local hospital, are visiting post. She's accepted a job after the Games as CEO of the legacy fund that will operate the Olympic facilities.


As for the hard-winging over old scandals and minor liquor laws, those named Craig Lehto of a dozen years ago in Calgary. It is the act of a good man nervously sweeping a critical eye over the house before the guests arrive. But it's a good house, he says. With two young children born since he and his wife arrived, the Lehtos, too, are staying after the Games.

Utah is a better-armed Canada. Maybe not the Canada of today, but the Canada that got lost along the way. The one that also had, and has, some funny liquor laws. Remember Ladies and Gentlemen lounge? The Canada where Sunday wasn't another working day?

On the scene of metropolitan Salt Lake City, which exceeds one million people, averages great one another. The buildings are free of graffiti. If you drop your wallet, odds are you'll get it back. And, oh my back, what's to bad about times is wiser as the local beer?

Yet there are howlers, despite church and municipal assistance programs, but without the opposite number and exercise and despair that much more life is Tawana or Valcorra or Winesap, John, bearded and congenial, parades alone in the shadow of the headquarters owner of the LDS Church. When names call, he leaves behind his cushion and a cardboard sign "Back to 8 returns." Should you wish to wait.

John, who keeps his surname private, is considering his Olympic options. His big goal was across the state line to Las Vegas, for the warmth and the relative peace. Or he may stay for the party. "One thing about the Mormons," he says, "they do things right."



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POWER AND GLORY

Training time's over. A team with record potential is ready for the Games to begin.

BY JAMES DEACON

Even in street clothes, Carolina Le May Doan turns heads in the walk into the arena. Some people clearly recognize the Olympic gold medalist and two-time Canadian female athlete of the year. Truth is, though, her athletic exploits really only make her a household face in Holland, where speed skating is huge and she's a star. At Calgary's Pingwadd Saddledome prior to a hockey game between the Flames and the Denver Red Wings, the reality is that a lot of the guys who watch Le May Doan pass by are staring for the usual guy reasons. She's typically dressed out in a soft, nautic nandeeck and black flares, and every now and then she unleashes that ice-cap-melting smile. Bubbly-brendon doesn't seem off for that.

Le May Doan, however, seems oblivious. The woman named to lead Canada's team into the opening ceremonies in Salt Lake City this week is a big-time hockey fan. She and her husband, Ben Doan, have a collection of hockey memorabilia at home, including an Olympic jersey she had autographed by members of the 1998 men's hockey team, that is most prominently displayed from her own collection of medals and trophies. "They're in a drawer somewhere," she says with a laugh. They both watch hockey—the Wings are in first place, while cap-wearer Jarome Iginla is leading the muddled Flames—but Le May Doan sees the game with a critical eye. "Scratchy stily," she says, "but I can't help looking at how they skate. They could generate so much more power if their technique was better."

Being a hockey-lover may help Le May Doan keep perspective in the days ahead. She is one of 157 Canadians scheduled to compete at the Salt Lake City Games, most of whom have spent years working part-time jobs and graveyard shifts and had parents who nagged them just so they could train and keep alive their Olympic dreams. So it would be easy for the career athlete to be bitter knowing that, no matter what they do, they won't get a fraction of the attention back home that will be lavished on the 25 millionaires taking a break from the National Hockey League season. That's Canada, and hockey rules.

Still, when national Olympic officials start looking for a big boost to local fans, they did the right thing. They chose Le May Doan. She has added some sponsorship income in recent months, but for



Jeremy
Wotherspoon

most of her career, she shared the experience of other amateur athletes in Canada, who scrape along and compete for, every so it sounds, the love of it. At 31, she's a three-time Olympian who's favoured to win another gold medal in her 500-m specialty next week, so she has the status among her peers to carry the colours into Rice-Eccles Olympic Stadium at the University of Utah on Friday night.

And know this speed skater, a study more important to Canada's overall Olympic aspirations than hockey: The underdog can, at best, win two medals in Salt Lake, spend almost on the oval and the short track, won nine in Nagano four years ago. So if they come close to meeting that again, then 2002 ought to be a record-setting Games for Canada. Pair world champions Julie Salt and David Hefner, ice dancers Shae-Lyn Bourne and Victor Kraatz and renowned veteran Erbi Szelei should all contend in the Games' highest-profile sport, figure skating. And both men's and women's curling quaterns are listed as gold-medal favourites. Pierre Lueders, meanwhile, seems to have finally found the right braken—Guslie Zardo—to help him defend the 1998 gold medal he won with Dave MacLachlan, and Michelle Kelly and Lindsay Alexander have both shown potential in skeleton, the head-first glide ever added this year.

On the slopes, alpine skier Allison Fetherly is a chance in the giant slalom, as are snowboarders Jaap-Jay Anzeron and a handful of freestyleers, from zemaluts Vyacheslav Brenner and Nicolas Fontaine to mogul damer Stephanie Richon and Jean-Luc Bernard. In all, it's not difficult to imagine the team beating its Winter Games record of 15 medals—and fifth-place finish overall—seen in 1998.

Nothing is assured, though, even for odds-on favourites. Athletes get sick, suffer injuries, run positive for performance-enhancing drugs and encounter bad luck. Remember the heartbreak of Stan Trout Severide when he caught a rip and missed a gate when he was leading the 1998 men's downhill with the finish line in sight? Stuff happens. That said, Canada's speed skaters have built real momentum. The dynamic short-trackers, who won four medals in 1998, are poised to mount another strong challenge (page 27).

On the oval, Le May Doan hasn't lost a 500-m race in more than a year, and she's a chest at 1,000 m as well. Same goes for Jeremy Wotherspoon of Red Deer, Alta., who has been world champion at both 500 m and 1,000 m in three of the last four years and holds the 1,000-m world record. He's being pushed at both distances by training partner Mike Ireland of Winnipeg, who was the 2001 world overall sprint champion. And Darian Melick of Calgary and Cindy Klassen of Winnipeg are ranked No. 1 and No. 2, respectively, at 1,500 m in the men's and women's World Cup standings. The Canadians are used to training on fast ice in Calgary, and if anything, it's even faster at the new Utah Olympic Oval. So many forecasts are predicting not only gold for Le May Doan and Wotherspoon, but world records as well. That cracks up the pressure a bit, but Stan Ireland, the self-spoken coach who directs the sprinters, doesn't flinch. "They've been there before, they know what to expect—the hype and all that," Ireland says. "They know how to deal with it."

For the wrong reasons, there are lesser expectations of the women's hockey team these days. They lost the gold-medal game last year to the Americans, and, loathe it, the Canadians have dropped eight straight games to their arch rivals. The Americans have improved enormously thanks to funding that allowed them to train together for the last two years. That leaves the Canadians, who only began their pro-Olympic meeting last fall, at Salt Lake underdogs. "We used to find ways to win the big games, and maybe we thought that'd always be the case," says smooth-skating blueliner Geraldine Heaney. "Now we know we have to change, we have to improve—we can't just stay the same."

They won't. For one thing, long-time star Nancy Drotar was dropped in favour of youngster Cherie Piper. Drotar appealed



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Kristelle Charest and Marc Gagnon (center) and some short-track teammates

TOUGH IN THE TURNS

Since 1992, when the sport was introduced into the Winter Games, Quebec has produced all but a handful of Canada's elite short-track speed skaters. In fact, the province is home to 11 of the 12 Canadians going to Salt Lake City to battle their Korean and Chinese rivals—British Columbian Alanna Ross is the only exception. Four-time world champion Marc Gagnon, who will compete in four races (500 m, 1000 m, 1500 m and relay), is featured in pre-Olympic TV commercials in Quebec. "You find as many as 100 skaters chiding him as he is all the rest of Canada," says Montreal-based coach Guy Thibault. As a result, most of the skaters talk and travel

in a hush. "Of all the teams I have known," says veteran star Isabelle Charest, "this is the best, the tightest group, the most fun being here." It is a remarkable feat, especially for skaters who spend a lot of time in tight packs, knees bent, bodies thrust forward. They cover the length of an Olympic oval surface in only three powerful strides, then take the sharp turns banking at gravity-defying angles. "Being a glider" laid on the ice for support and balance. "Imagine a car instead of a human, coming into these sharp curves at 50 km/h on ice, and you have the picture," Gagnon says, explaining why spectacular falls occur so frequent. "Just a split in concentration, and you are flying off." There are social distractions throughout the

Canadian squad, but Charest and Gagnon are the acknowledged leaders. They've had their share of bad luck at past Olympics. At 31, Charest is making a comeback after a year-long break, hoping the 500-m event in her third Games will bring her the solo gold medal that so far has eluded her. "Getting back in top shape was relatively easy," she says, "but regaining the technical edge that can allow you a chance to win was extremely hard."

Former champion Ismaeloudoukha Nabholz Lambert predicts the issues can "really come back with force or the medals." Coach Thibault is more diplomatic. "We should move the focus in all right now, for the rest, we'll see."

David Askin is Montreal



Caroline Hurley



Jarome Iginla screening Patrick Roy

the decision to the Canadian Hockey Association, and a decision is expected before the Games begin. Heiney can sympathize. Like a lot of the veterans, the night has turned after the last Olympics had the athletes' union meet in Nagano, and it was a tough decision to commit for another four years and put off getting on with life after sports. Now the native of Northern Ireland, who is known for tipping the odd Guinness as a "source of iron," is happy with the decision he made. "I guess you could say I've sacrificed a lot," she says, then adds with a laugh, "But really, I've had to much fun playing hockey."

On the ice, the main spare that last few weeks in Calgary shoring up some weaknesses, in particular the goaltending power-play. Heiney is confident her team will bounce back. "We lost in 1998, but then we came back with three World Championship wins," she says. "So we're still confident—there isn't one woman on this team who doesn't think we can win."

There probably shouldn't be any pressure on the medal issue. Never mind those nervous, best commentators that portray European and American players covering at the prospect of facing rough, tough

Canadians—the men in maple leaves will be outsiders, but they haven't scored anyone except their own fire in a long time. Five other countries could finish ahead of them: the Czechs are defending champions, Sweden has the hottest goaltender, the Swedes—even without Peter Forsberg—have some big-scoring talent, the Finns have home-ice advantage and the Finnish best Canada for bronze the last time.

Yet no Canadians in Salt Lake City will bear grudge expectations than the 23-man hockey players. An Olympic victory would be this generation's 1972 Summit Series, an event that transcends sport. So the team's development, from the appointment of executive director Wayne Gretzky to the final roster choices, has been more scrutinized than the last Quebec referendum runoff. There's a palpable anxiety over the game-worthiness of Steve Yzerman (aching knee), Eric Lindros (aching head) and Theo Fleury (aching psyche). And oh, the goaltending: Patrick Roy didn't want to play, and the chosen three—Curtis Joseph, Martin Brodeur and Ed Belfour—are not making anyone forget Russia's Nikolai Khabibulin, let alone Czech star Dominik Hasek. Gulp.

Gretzky, however, seems severely confident, as if he knows something he's not telling the rest of us. What he is saying, through his choice of coaches, is that the strategy tactics in Nagano were wrong, and that the pressure of any first-round round on the larger international ice surface isn't the same as might exist in the cramped confines of an NHL rink. That's why he, Edmonton general manager Kevin Lowe and head coach Pat Quinn chose speed and stick-handling and means over bang and crash, and took back like Iginla, Simon Gagné, Eric Brewer and Ed Jovanovski over more established competitors. "We want to play a puck-possession game and take the play to the opposition, but not forget that defense is primary in any ultimate success," Quinn says. "We believe the type of players we've selected will let us play that game."

The style change appeals to Nagano's Yzerman says the 1998 team exhausted itself with an ineffective dump-and-chase system; it was too easy for defenders to get rid of the puck before forwards closed in. "It's a different game on the bigger, less attacking than the NHL—the game slows down a bit," says the Detroit center. There's a psychological adjustment, too. "A lot of



Kelley Lane

GOING FOR A SWEEP

The women's and men's curling teams have a lot to live up to—and live down. The pressure starts with the notion that Canadians should do well after all, the reigning pros, in grand meadows of the win/loss record in world championship play, it's natural for them to dominate the Winter Games as well. Then there's the personal dynamic: Kelley Lane and her four teammates loved team—third Julie Gilmour, second Georgina Humeke and lead Diane Nelson—follow in the footsteps of the much loved Garden Schmirer, whose flag-bearers team won the 1998 Olympic bangle. Sadly, Schmirer died of cancer in March, 2000, at age 35. So Lane and company are responsibly deter-

gays are going to be back for a second time around, and they understand that it's not like a best-of-seven playoff series," says Colorado-defender Rob Blake. "If you lose, you're done, you're out of the gold-medal game. So every game is so, so important."

Groovy says he doesn't regard all the ra-

stried to sweep up gold again. "Until the final rock is thrown," says Lane. "That's what we'll be fighting for." Reids' Martin and his teammates expect they have an even tougher fight in curlers on Mike Harris's silver medal performance in 1998. The nation of their sailing worldwinds has improved dramatically in the last decade, and in Salt Lake City, Martin says, "Seven out of the 12 teams now at this level when they could make the playoffs."

The Canadian women put their team together three years ago with the goal of winning gold at the Games, and they've since worked with nutritionists, personal trainers and even a sports psychologist. "We're right on schedule with our training," says Humeke. "We have everything scheduled to peak right when we're in Salt Lake City." Preparation is

national grandstanding of teeth in added pressure, he says Canada has greater motivation, and an important edge on other countries, because a victory would mean more to fans here than anywhere else. He has his own motivations. Certainly by volunteering for the national team goal, he

key: the centers will have this time to warm up to conditions at the Ice Sheet, a general-purpose arena at the Winter Sports delivery complex in Ogden, 40 km north of Salt Lake City, built serving as the curling venue. In their first game, Lane and her team take on the Swedes, widely considered Canada's toughest competition for the gold.

The Swedes could present problems for Martin and his team—lead Dan Sjöberg, second Carter Ryberg and lead Dan Sjöberg—too. Peter Lind, leader of the team, has defeated Martin in several recent encounters. But the Canadian skip seems unfazed. "We feel good," Martin says. "This year, our win-loss record is the best it's ever been. We're ready."

Brian Wilkins



Michelle Koci

has boosted his validity and therefore his voice to a laudable roster of endorses. But his shining reputation is ending on this year's end, and he leaves the only way to keep the shine is to bring home what Canadians so desperately want. "What I care about is putting together the best



Viktor Kheifets and Shao-Lan Brown

team possible," he says, "because if we don't win, I'm going to take more heat than anybody. So as a group, we tried to pick the players who we felt give us the best shot at gold."

Hockey may be Canada's obsession, but the darling of American TV figure skating gets the main stage—the sparkling Salt Lake Ice Center. For Salé and Pelletier, the chance to grab the spotlight is a remarkable turn of events. Four years ago, they were without partners and considering retirement—Pelletier was hanging beer at a pub

at the Molson Centre in Montreal. Now they're heading into the Winter Games as world champions. In their short history together, Pelletier says, they have been able to rise to the occasion when opportunities presented themselves—"and the Olympics are the biggest opportunity of all," Salé said. "It's a cool feeling knowing that, with two good skates, we can walk away with a gold medal."

Some what surprisingly, that may be one of Canada's most successful figure skating teams. Surprising because, after being

riddled by injuries for three years, Salé has emerged healthy and dangerous. And surprising because, after years of upstart duos, ice-dancing judges seem to have warmed up to Bourne and Kraatz. Salé was terrific in his national championship-winning skate in Hamilton last month, landing an array of jumps that included a quad-triple combination—tough to beat even for the young Russian studs, Evgeni Plushenko and Alexei Yagudin. "I'll take on whomever is ready to challenge," Salé says. "It's going to be damn fun doing



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Tennis Star and David Peñalver

"I know I'm healthy and ready to go, and that I'm in the best shape."

Last December at the Grand Prix Final in Kitchener, Ont., Bourne and Krasnor finally defied their European roots in a major event. The difference? Under the direction of coach Tatiana Tarasova, they're more dynamic than ever before, and to a certain extent, more conventional—their past innovations had been lost on a sport that demanded conformity. Apparently the judges approved of the changes, leading many to upgrade the couple's prospects

from their fourth-place finish in 1998. "We were fighting the system," Krasnor says, adding, "This time around, there's no question we have done everything we can do to prepare."

There was a time even recently that Bourne, who is going to his fourth Games and was his magical gold in Lillehammer eight years ago, looked as if his sport had passed him by. He spent most of the last two years off skis after surgery to repair major knee ligament damage, so Rachon became the model hopeful on the former-

dable Canadian team. But quickly, Bourne honed his technique and rebuilt his confidence, and he finished third at his last event before breaking for pre-Olympic training. So now he's exactly where he wants to be, on firm but without anyone expecting anything from him. "A lot of the guys see me as an old grandfader," says the 29-year-old. "But you know, I like that."

If there is a reason for concern with this Canadian team, it is that it relies too heavily on veterans. Amateur sport programs were gutted by Ottawa's 1996 budget



Photo: Peter Lindbergh/Contrasto; Image by the photographer



outs, which shortchanged an entire generation of up-and-coming Olympians. The can cany into summer sports especially, and it showed with a disappointing medal tally in Sydney two years ago. Winter sports have been more resilient. Some simply have better corporate funding, while athletes in other sports—noticeably long-track speed skaters and sledgers—have thrived because of access to top facilities built in Calgary for the 1988 Winter Games. Competition from all over the world now runs there, but the impact has been greatest on the home team. Canada won only two silver and three bronze medals in Calgary, but thanks to the legacy

of those Games, the medal total has been rising ever since.

In Canada, though, "modest" are not synonyms for "rascally." Speed skater Susan Auch won silver in both 1994 and 1998, but got little outside income other than the monthly Sport Canada stipend of \$1,100 that all carded athletes get. "It's an addictive lifestyle," she says, smiling, "but at least it's a healthy addiction."

Le May Doun won a gold and a bronze in Nagano, but didn't sign a single endorsement when she got home. Sponsors instead threw money at snowboarder Ross Rebagliati, who gained worldwide notori-

ety for a victory in the giant slalom and subsequent positive test for marijuana. Rebagliati disappeared just as quickly from public view, and sponsors came to their senses. Now, Le May Doun's appearing on the TV spots, and she and her husband have finally been able to buy a house.

They're not there much: she travels so much, and he's a doctor, and they have a small business. But the house is theirs, it has a yard and a garden, and in a small way, Le May Doun has proven that talent and perseverance can prevail over tabloid appeal. Which is kind of nice, since that's what the Olympics are supposed to be about. ■

A WORLD OF POSSIBILITIES

Winter Games superstars will give Salt Lake City an international appeal

Cammi Granato

United States | HOCKEY

In a country where broadcast ratings for hockey often sink behind stock car races, professional wrestling and monster-truck derby, Granato's fame transcends her sport. She does TV commercials, has appeared on *The Tonight Show*, and has even had her picture on a box of Wheaties. The captain of the U.S. women's team is one of America's best-known female athletes for good reason—she's a proven winner. The playmaking forward has been at the core of the national team since its inception in 1996, in its top scorer of all time, and led the U.S. to an Olympic championship in 1998. At 36, the former Concordia University Stingers star remains one of the world's best players. She and her teammates haven't lost a game this season, and having beaten Canada, their closest rival, eight straight games, they are the clear favorites to again bring home the gold.

Stephan Eberharter

Austria | ALPINE SKIING

The second-best skier in the world. It is a title that Eberharter is eager to shake, and this year, he finally might do it. The silver medalist in the giant slalom at Nagano in 1998, Italian countryman Hermann Maier, Eberharter is enjoying his best World Cup season since he came onto the scene in 1991. Truth be told, that's mostly because Maier's so-called "Hermannator," broke his leg in an August motorcycle accident. Nevertheless, an Olympic gold would be sweet for the 33-year-old Eberharter, a heavy-metal fan and amateur guitarist. It might even make those clips that he sells on his Web site (www.steffi) more popular.

Alex Coomber

Great Britain | WOMEN'S SKELETON

Hurdling head-first down an icy mountain on a plank and a couple of dozen axles at speeds of more than 120 kph is not everybody's idea of a good time. But Coomber is not everyone. The 27-year-old Oxford grad, an intelligence officer in Britain's Royal Air Force, took her first skeleton slide in November, 1999. Eleven days



Friesinger

later she placed fifth in a World Cup race. Coomber, who is on an 18-month sabbatical from the military, is now the reigning world champion, having won seven of the 10 World Cup races contested over the past two seasons. She will compete with just 17 other athletes for the line-one gold medal in women's skeleton (the men's

version of the event, which returns to the Olympics this year, was a medal sport in 1928 and 1948.)

Per Elofsson

Sweden | CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

Cross-country skis are, by definition, fitness fixations. Then there's Elofsson,

who more by roller-skating up mountains and running through muddy swamps. He is so fitly-tuned that he makes the rest of the field look like chain-smoking doughnut store haberdashers. Unbelievably strong over short and long distances in both the classical and freestyle skiing techniques, the 24-year-old dominated the recent last season, winning the overall World Cup despite competing in just 10 of the 20 races. He was one of them and placed second in another; no one else was more than three. This year he'll run again and has his outside chance at winning as many as five medals in Salt Lake (75-km classical, 50-km classical, 30-km freestyle, 10-km pursuit and the 4x10-km relay.) Bjorn Dæhlie, the Norwegian powerhouse, won three gold medals and a silver in Nagano.

Anni Friesinger

Germany | SPEED SKATING

Most Canadians know all too well the burning sensation that sends into your legs after a couple of quick turns around the rink. Friesinger, speed skater's reigning distance queen, powers around the Olympic oval a dozen times and seems ready for more. The 25-year-old won the five seven races of the 2001-2002 World Cup season, leaving her rivals in the dust over 1,500, 3,000 and 5,000 meters. The Salt Lake favorite in all three distances, Friesinger has speed skated in her genes. Her parents competed internationally in the early 1970s, and her younger brother and sister are up-and-coming skaters, too. A quackdoctor of the Internet, however, avows one of the reasons for Friesinger's growing popularity back home: dozens of fans are downloading digital photos from a sports magazine highlighting her skinny torso and pectoral navel.

Todd Hays

United States | BOBBLEIGH

A made-for-TV movie just waiting for a happy ending. Hays, the best U.S. hope for a medal in bobsledding since 1956, is one of the quarter stars of these Winter Games. A native of Troy, Del Rio, Tex., a town near the Mexican border, Hays was a high-school quarterback with big aspirations. In 1991, he captained the University of Tulsa to a victory in the Freedom Bowl, but his pro hopes were dashed when he failed to catch on with the Tennessean Argonauts. Hays turned his energy to his other passion—earned ana-

winning a national bobslewing title before trying out for the U.S. bobsleigh team on a whim. He missed US\$10,000 to fund his first sled by competing in an alternate lightning event in Japan. After several disappointing seasons, Hays, 32, and his crew have found their stride just in time for Salt Lake, putting them at the top of the two-man and four-man World Cup standings.

Michelle Kwan

United States | FIGURE SKATING

By far the world's best female skater over the last four years, Kwan has looked uncharacteristically minor of late. The 1998 after medals surprised everyone last fall by firing long-time coach Frank Carroll and announcing she would coach herself. She then turned in several dismal pre-Games performances, including a loss to Russian rival Irina Slutskaya at the Grand Prix final in Kitchener, Ont., last December. But Kwan rebounded brilliantly to win the U.S. title last month, while Slutskaya looked stilted in a loss to countrywoman Maria Butyrskaya at the European final. Advantage Kwan.

Adam Malysz

Poland | SKI JUMPING

When Malysz struggled in his first couple of races on the world ski-jumping circuit, his wife had to talk him out of giving up and returning to his job as a rodeo. Today, there is no doubt that Mrs. Malysz was wise woman. Since 1998, when he didn't break the top 50 at Nagano, the Polish high-flyer has emerged as his sport's dominant performer. Last season he won 11 World Cup competitions, including the four Hills Tournament, dubbed the Super Bowl of ski jumping. This season, he is again at the top of the heap. Malysz adds to his roster and two University of Cracow professors—one a sports psychologist, the other a bio-mechanics expert—

for his remarkable turnaround. In Poland, the 24-year-old is a national hero and has been immortalized in a sculpture made from 380 kg of white chocolate.

Anja Persson

Sweden | ALPINE SKIING

A medal threat at just 20, Sweden's Persson is basking the legend of her hometown, the tiny mountain village of Tämnä. The community of 900 has already produced one of the most dominant downhillers of all time, Ingemar Stenmark, winner of two gold medals at Lake Placid in 1980 and 86 World Cup races over his 16-year career. Persson has four slalom victories as far as far as, and two top-5 finishes in the giant slalom, giving her a narrow lead over Michaela Dorfmeister of Austria in the overall World Cup standings. Persson, who was the world junior slalom champion in 1998,

has spent the last three years honing her technique, and even if she fails to reach the top of the podium in Salt Lake, she seems destined to leave her mark on the sport in coming years.

Kim Dong-Sung

South Korea | SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING

The gold medalist in the 1,000 meters at Nagano, Kim appears ready to defend his crown in Salt Lake. Kim, who will celebrate his 22nd birthday the day after the opening ceremonies, seems to have regained his form this year after a disappointing 2000-2001 season when he finished 10th in the world. Overall winner in this year's short track World Cup (a he was in 1999-2000), Kim is hard to beat when he's motivated and in his groove. As a 17-year-old in 1997, Kim was the World Cup overall title and later the Olympic despite the tragic death of his father from a heart attack as he watched his son compete at the South Korean championships. *Jonathan Gendreau*





Violence in Jaffa Street



A memorial to bombing victims

STREETS OF BLOOD

For Israelis and Palestinians, the prospects for peace seem remote

BY JONATHAN GAREHOUSE
in Jerusalem and the West Bank

It's the black-and-white motorcycle cap with the submachine gun slung along casually across his back who first notices the three young Arabs in the battered beige Fiat. He motions them to pull over, within seconds the car is surrounded by gun-toting soldiers and plainclothes policemen. Six men stand at the ready on the rooftops above. As homebound-bound commuters watch nervously from the bus stop across the street, the police frisk the young men, scrutinize their identification and search their vehicle before sending them on their way. Tigger fingers are rusty on Jaffa Street, Jerusalem's main commercial strip.

After a string of lethal terrorist attacks

on and around the street over the past six months, the holy city's usually bustling downtown shopping and entertainment district is largely deserted. Small wonder—a Jan. 30 suicide bombing that left two Israelis injured came just days after another suicide bomber killed an 81-year-old man and injured more than 100 people on Jan. 27. Now, the buses and the cars seem to move a little quicker, and the few pedestrians swivel their heads as they speed-walk by. The only people who linger are the watchful security forces and the Palestinian construction workers busy repairing the shattered storefronts. "It's turned into a triangle of blood," declares Judith Zaken, a local merchant. "No money, no work, no business."

Standing in the doorway of her children's footwear store, surrounded by

shards of glass, fallen plaster and tiny shoe boxes, the exasperated mother watches as the soldiers walk over her store. "Mothers with babies don't want to come here," says Zaken, who lost a son during the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in the early 1980s. "It's not worth getting killed over a pair of shoes." Her 12-year-old son and partner, Simha, says people are fed up with the harassment and bloodshed. "We can't keep living like this," she says. "Soon we'll have to move out and give the keys to Arafat. It's a sign of the end, a city of the dead."

Sixteen months on the second intifada, the riotous tide of attacks and reprisals continues across the borders of Israel and the Palestinian territories. The prospects for peace seem more remote than ever. Yasser Arafat, the chairman of the Palestinian Authority, remains trapped in his

office in the Palestinian city of Ramallah, surrounded by Israeli tanks but still full of defiant pride for "the martyrs of Jerusalem." In an interview with the *Middle East* daily newspaper last week, Ariel Sharon, the Israeli prime minister, turned the rhetoric up another notch, saying he regrets not assassinating his Palestinian opponent in Beirut 20 years ago when he was defense minister because of an agreement not to kill Arafat. U.S. President George W. Bush's comments last week that he is "very disappointed" in Arafat's efforts to clamp-down on terror have been seized on by both sides as an indication that American patience with the Palestinian leader is all but exhausted.

Many Israelis are feeling a fatigue of their own, tired of the violence and the ever-tightening security measures that will cost stop the attacks. Sales of anti-aircraft drugs have skyrocketed since the intifada began. Sitting in the bright afternoon sun in Zion Square, off Jaffa Street, Ida Fingers, a 22-year-old law student, has difficulty putting her feelings into words. It is a disturbing combination of depression, sorrow and growing claustrophobia, she finally says.

"You go out and you sit somewhere and you have a drink with your friends, and two or three hours later the place where you were gets bombed," Fingers explains. "I feel like order is tightening around me, like my world is getting smaller and smaller." Fingers, who was a strong supporter of the Oslo peace process—signed by Arafat and then-Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin in 1993—says she feels like her country is regressing. "People had such high expectations," she says. "Now it's an exceptional thing to sit here in the street. It shouldn't be." Across the square, a frustrated antique-shop owner bellows at a group of walking soldiers and police: "You mother! ... a keep parking your cars in front of my shop—everybody thinks something has happened! Nobody will come in and buy anything!"

In the wake of the most recent downtown suicide attack, Sharon has endorsed a police plan to "envelop Jerusalem" and Jewish settlements in the nearby West Bank with a complex network of checkpoints, fences, security cameras and roadblocks. The proposal, which will need broad-based approval, calls for the construction

of an 11-km fence through the heart of Jerusalem, dividing the largely Arab-eastern part of the city from the Jewish west side. Many Israelis are skeptical of the idea, and local media commentators predict the costly plan will do as the drawing table. Critics point out that Jerusalem's patchwork quilt of neighborhoods would necessitate the establishment of at least 40 new checkpoints and cause traffic chaos.

The Jan. 27 suicide bomber was Wafa Idris, a 28-year-old woman who worked as a paramedic volunteer for the Palestine Red Crescent Society—until she tried to gun entry to paradise by detonating 10 kg of explosives on a crowded street corner. She lived in the Amman Refugee Camp near Ramallah, where residents say the proposed Israeli measures will do nothing to stop the violence. "Suicide bombers will continue to give their souls to Palestine," says Ahmed, a Palestinian policeman. "Even if they build the highest wall in the world, the bombers will dig a tunnel underneath and go and martyr themselves." Ahmed, who used to support the peace process, says his views have changed over the past 10 months. "The Israelis kill our

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children, they kidnap and assassinate our political leaders, and they call it say they want peace," he says. "Today if I saw a pregnant Jewish woman, I would kill her and her child, because the child would be no better than his prime minister."

A handkerchief down the road, under a billboard advertising Viceroy cigarettes—"The Big Taste of America"—more two dozen young Palestinian boys are engaged in their daily after-school ritual: slugging stones at the Israeli tanks and soldiers surrounding Anwar's compound. As rocks ping off an armored bulldozer collecting earth for more blockades, the soldiers fire the occasional rubber bullet into the group. A small boy in a green old jacket (his friends later say he is 8) runs into the tank, clutching his head. His companions rush him to a waiting ambulance. Mohammed, a 15-year-old with a mouth full of braces and a Palestinian flag draped around his neck like a cape, says the street battles are one of the few fun things to do in Ramallah.

A few streets away at the business dis-



An Israeli soldier escorts a Palestinian away after an identification check.

trict, all the shops are closed—on strike in support of the besieged chairman—but the tables at the cafe are crowded with men playing cards, sipping espressos of coffee and smoking water pipes. Faded Frog, an unemployed 27-year-old computer graduate, says it is the Israelis who have wrecked the peace process. He points

to the statue of the *Karine A*, a ship filled with arms allegedly destined for Palestinian fighters, on the Red Sea in early January. Frog, who Mossad—the Israeli secret service—and the Americans are trying to discredit Anwar. "It's a pure fabrication," he declares. "When Israel saw that Anwar was arresting Hamas and Hezbollah members, like they asked, they came up with the ship," says Frog. "It's because the Israelis don't want to do what they are supposed to do under the peace agreement."

Thar Shaggett, his friend, will hold out hope for a political solution. "The Palestinian people are forced towards violence because they are forbidden to earn their food," says the 31-year-old mechanical engineer. "We need a balanced peace. Jerusalem should be a religious area for all religions. This can't go on, people are tired of it."

Staying a beer in the lobby of his Jerusalem hotel, Mark Sokolow also wonders when it will all end. On Sept. 11, the 45-year-old lawyer from Woodstock, N.Y., escaped from his office on the 38th floor of the South Tower of the World Trade Center when the first impacted plane crashed into the building next door. "After the 11th we thought about going to Florida—Disneyland—for a vacation, but we thought that would be kind of trivial," Sokolow says. "So we decided to come show our support for Israel instead." On Sunday Jan. 27, he, his wife, Rita, and two of their children, Lauren, 16, and Justin, 12, were standing on Jaffa Street, about six months from the suicide bomber. All were injured; at work end Rita and Justin remained in hospital.

In the confusion after the attack, Sokolow lost track of his family and spent several hours in hospital wondering if they had survived. "I don't know if it's possible to really have post-trauma," he says. The day before, he had shared his harrowing story with *Good Morning America*. Hillary Clinton saw the show and called to offer her support, he says. Sokolow isn't angry at Israel now, in anger as he was about the Sept. 11 attacks in which he lost about a dozen friends. He just wants Americans to understand that what's happening in Israel affects people just like them. "We should be able to come here, over around, visit family," he says. "And not have to worry about going shopping for shoes for our 12-year-old."



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Lost at the start-up gate

A truly imaginative start-up sees opportunities where governments can make money—when governments themselves have money instead of them. At 46, David Picot is a troubled whirlwind, a former consultant who as CEO of a new firm, iTharmicon Group, that finds new technology used internally in big companies, carries out a start-up—and splits the profits. Surely, he says, we could be paying a portion of our health and education costs by exporting our expertise. Why not help hospitals self-advise to other nations, setting up online courses staffed by medical personnel with expertise in other languages? Why not ensure that universities can offer degrees to people in other nations by putting lectures online? The long-awaited federal innovation agenda should be crisscrossed with opportunities for Ottawa and the provinces. "It's great to have an innovation paper—but if all it talks about is more research money and prodding the private sector, it's only half of the equation," Picot says. "The government itself is not seeing innovation."

His right, and therein lies a sad tale. The innovation agenda was born in January 2004, in the newly elected Liberal government's speech from the throne. By 2010, it vowed, the proportion of the economy Canada spends on research and development would move from 15th to fifth place among the 30 members of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. Ottawa would double its own contribution to research during the same period. A white paper with detailed programs would spell out the how to reach that ambitious goal. The goal is likely an unachievable dream—although Canada has since edged into 14th place. The most recent OECD data says Canada spent 1.83 per cent of its GDP on R and D in 1999. France and Sweden spent 3.8 per cent. The U.S., in fifth place, spent 2.65 per cent. But the gap between Canada and the top group is huge. Worse, it's a moving target: everyone will spend more over the next eight years—and the size of everyone's GDP will change.

Meanwhile, the white paper became bogged down. Last spring, it was split in half: one paper on innovation would come from Industry Canada, one on skills from Human Resources. Timeline attacks delayed it. The economic downturn reduced available funding. The December budget vote registered, such as \$200 million in one-time grants to aid university research. Finally, Industry Minister Brian Tobin quit last month—partly because he was upset by the laxest funds now available for such innovation projects at the nation's high-speed broadband Internet access across Canada.

The new industry minister, Allan Rock, has inherited a cold potato. It's been devoted to green paper issues, it's now merely a discussion document which will likely be released this month. It barely breathes Picot's notion of what governments should do for themselves, those means will be raised in upcoming talks with the provinces. Instead, it has four sections. It challenges the private sector to adapt and develop new technologies, noting that private firms do about 68 per cent of total R and D in Canada compared with 70 per cent in other OECD nations. It considers how Canada should cope with the pending shortage of 50,000 highly skilled workers by 2010. It discusses regulatory and business-tax changes. And it talks about broadband expansion. It is correct. And, by all accounts, boring. "The paper is shrouded in so much jargon that the public will be totally confused about the simple reality that innovation means so much to this country, wealth and their children's prospects," says John Reid, president of the Canadian Advanced Technology Alliance.

The Liberals' Allan Rock has inherited a cold potato called the innovation agenda. It's not very innovative.

What to do? For starters, Rock's staff should work with officials to polish messages that every Canadian can grasp. The paper should not talk about how-to-technology-writer—but what it can do for Canadians. "Picot is a baby with an illness in northern Canada," says Reid. "Expert help could be at hand via the Internet." But Tobin's political staff did not have such messages. They did not even build an industry-wide lobby to support the innovation agenda. Just fall, when a because clear the initiative would move little funding, they drafted a firm letter of support, asking industry groups to sign it and send it back. Although Tobin cut his funding request at cabinet, that message did not get near the budget was seen as a defeat for him. It was autumn hour.

The innovation paper should also be more, well, innovative. Although there is a case for extending broadband to the most remote communities, many centres do not need public help: the cost of delivery is falling rapidly—as private-sector projects will likely be feasible in five years. And, in the e-business specialties as the Boston Consulting Group recently reported, firms that develop services, cheaper ways to bridge the digital divide will reap community goodwill—and long-term profits. "I am dead set against the idea of a government-led innovation agenda if it simply involves finding more money to spend more money," says Tom d'Aquino, chairman of the Canadian Council of Chief Executives. "Governments should be part of a plan to spend more creatively." The green paper is simply the start of a start-up.



Margie (left) and O'Brien

THE RE-ENERGIZERS

To its makers, this oil-patch merger will create 'a powerhouse in Canada'

BY BRIAN GERMAN

In 2001, more than \$95 billion in Canadian oil and gas assets fell into American hands through a series of corporate takeovers, reprising controversy over the level of foreign ownership in Canada's oil patch. Last week, though, two significant oil plays announced in Calgary bucked

that trend—big-time. Petro-Canada revealed its intention to purchase German-based Veba Oil & Gas GmbH for \$3.2 billion. The deal promises to raise Petro-Canada's market value, \$9.5 billion—into Canada's largest integrated oil company (those that have both production and retail operations). But the real blockbuster was the proposed \$21-billion marriage of

Alberta Energy Co. Ltd. and PanCanadian Energy Corp. If consummated, the new energy powerhouse, dubbed EnCana Corp., will be the world's biggest independent oil and gas producer.

Canwest, also, native Gwyn Morgan, 56, currently president and chief executive officer of AEC, will assume the same roles with EnCana. Montreal-born David

O'Brien, 60, former chairman, president and chief executive officer of Canadian Pacific Ltd., and most recently chairman and chief executive of PanCanadian Energy, will be EnCana's non-executive chairman. In separate interviews last week, the two men discussed what lay behind the merger—and why it matters to Canadians. Excerpt.

Mackay: To what degree was this merger driven by a desire to ensure that neither company become a target for a foreign takeover?

Morgan: I think that was a very minor point. At the end of the day, we weren't being defensive. Our whole attitude was why shouldn't we build a powerhouse in Canada? It's not so much a case of worrying if someone is going to come at us, it's how can we be so strong that we'll be able to best everyone else.

Mackay: Some people argue that it doesn't matter whether oil and gas companies operating in Canada are Canadian-owned. What's your view?

O'Brien: Head offices are a critical piece of the economic fabric of a country. In a branch-plant economy, all the good jobs go to head offices and the communities where they are located. So when we talk about the brain drain, losing head offices is a huge symbol of that.

Morgan: I think it's hard to find a Canadian on the street who wouldn't say it's great to have some world-class companies based here. How could you be a Canadian if you didn't feel that way in general? My main thing is that, as a manager of assets on behalf of shareholders, I can't do it for that reason. But if I can win for the shareholders and also win for Canada, then I feel pretty good.

Mackay: What will this merger allow the new entity to do that the two separate companies could not?

Morgan: Well, I think one of the key advantages is our combined assets. AEC is a dominant player in Canada, and so is PanCanadian. We've got a very large position in the United States; they have a smaller, but complementary one. We are the largest player in Ecuador; they are becoming a large player in the North Sea. We have assets in northern Canada; they have assets in eastern Canada. Both of us are looking at multi-billion-dollar projects. When you have a larger company, with a larger suite of assets, there isn't any

one of those projects that is so big that it's a company maker or breaker.

O'Brien: If you want to get real attention on the stock markets of the world, you have to have a certain size, scale and liquidity. Individually, neither of us were there yet. Combined, we'll have a better shot.

Mackay: Does that enable you to offer further advances?

Morgan: Naturally, that's a possibility. We're in a pretty interesting position. There are a lot of our competitors who recently made big deals, including buying Canadian companies at pretty high prices. A lot of those guys are now talking off their noses

about it. News of the merger first leaked out on Jan. 24 and almost all of both companies sagged on speculation that one was taking over the other. After that marriage of equals was announced on Jan. 27, there was some shyness, but overall both companies moved up in a falling oil and gas market.

Mackay: Speaking of falling markets, what do you see as the net effect of the EnCana deal? Are markets steadier?

O'Brien: Yes, it has speckled attention to some degree. If you can rely on the financial information issued by certain companies, it creates concern.

Morgan: But there's also some good news about the competitive free enterprise system in the future. EnCana is a market maker in terms of connecting energy buyers and sellers. But already, a lot of the other players have picked up the slack.

Mackay: Getting back to the merger, an interesting element was the current regulations leading up to it, where the whole question was on code names and you'd check your back under others. What was that like?

O'Brien: Well, there was one recent meeting in a hotel on a Sunday morning where a lawyer got us a room under his name and gave us cards to get as I was the first to arrive and my dad wouldn't work. I didn't know where to go. After all, you're kind of conspicuous in a hotel at 9 a.m. on a Sunday. So I hid out in the main washroom for 15 minutes until Gwyn arrived.

Mackay: How did the two of you divide up the respective responsibilities for this new mega-company?

O'Brien: It was really quite easy. I made it clear when I finished at Canadian Pacific that I was going to ride off into the sunset. I had no desire to be the CEO of this company. Gwyn was prepared to do that, so it fit well.

Mackay: Some observers say this merger could still come under fire if a third party swoops in and makes an attractive bid for either AEC or PanCanadian. Are you concerned about that?

Morgan: There's always a possibility. But both David and I have said these companies are not for sale. We are not selling; we are bringing them together. With the current weaknesses in the oil and gas markets and in the overall economic situation, this would be a pretty crazy time to sell these companies.

BIG OIL

If the EnCana merger goes ahead, the result will be the largest independent energy company in the world. Independents are firms that find and develop petroleum resources as far as the pipeline. The main big companies, known as super majors, are the global, integrated behemoths that also do refining, run chains of gas stations and often develop renewable energy sources.

INDEPENDENTS		
Company	Country	Market value (in billions)
1. EnCana (proposed)	Canada	\$21.0
2. Andromeda Petroleum	U.S.	20.2
3. Uteco	U.S.	15.4
4. Burlington Resources	U.S.	10.6
5. Apache	U.S.	6.8
SUPER MAJORS		
1. ExxonMobil	U.S.	\$425.2
2. Royal Dutch/Shell	Europe	279.3
3. BP	Britain	279.2

Source: Petro-Canada, EnCana, Reuters

because they are over-leveraged. And there aren't many buyers out there, because most of the people in the business have already blown their way on their balance sheet.

Mackay: Some analysts suggest that PanCanadian shares have been undervalued in the merger. What's your response?

O'Brien: It's funny, analysts do all kinds of calculations. That's not our business. It's covered by about 30 analysts across North America. The product of their work and research decisions establishes our share price. What we did at this time was to take the share price at market value.

Mackay: But after the merger announcement, PanCanadian's price actually fell. Wasn't the market undervaluing you a surprise?

O'Brien: That's not really the case. If you



Donald Cox

Don't dollarize Canada

I have resisted writing this column. As a Canadian expat living in Chicago, I am wary of giving political advice to Canadians. However, in recent trips to Canada to speak to investment gatherings about the U.S. market, I have found growing interest in the question of "dollarizing" Canada—converting the national currency to the U.S. greenback. Since I have been answering questions on this so frequently, I might as well use my space to let *Maclean's* readers know my views.

In brief, I think Canadians should give up discussing dollarization and get on with the task of building a truly competitive and open economy that doesn't sink its weakness by depending on currency. The economic and business arguments for currency union are impressive, but ones that do not live by economics alone: *Some nations* is a laboratory specimen. Improved productivity would doubtless come, but at what cost to Canada and to Canada-U.S. relations?

I have a vested interest in the question of my personal savings, approximately one-third in fiat value in loonie-denominated, long-term bonds and pension credits reflecting service for Canadian employers for two decades. I am, like most of you, a little from the loonie. Nevertheless, I think dollarization discussions are, at best, distractions from facing up to Canada's real challenges. Why should the U.S. want Canada to adopt the dollar? What's in it for Americans?

How could it be done? If it follows the fashion made infamous by Argentina (a currency board that pegged the peso to the dollar), then why should anyone be interested? If it's done by a special swap of Canadian dollars in East German marks for Deutsche marks, then how could the U.S. protect itself against the problems that beset Germany?

Those who say the president is the man use a false analogy. The board of the European Central Bank reflects all the member countries; it is no more Bundesbankian than it would be to apply to the Canada-U.S. situation. There is no way Americans would want to share control of the Federal Reserve Board with Canadians. Amending the Federal Reserve Act is only slightly less difficult than amending the Constitution, and there'd be no major domestic constituency pushing to open the Fed to foreigners. Therefore, Canada would have a currency and interest rate structure under 100-per-cent U.S. control. That would not just be a humiliation for Canada; it would guarantee a worsening in cross-border relations.

Most Americans are ignorant about Canada, a fact that opens—blatantly—to Canada's advantage. If more Americans knew the cause of Old Left influence among Canadian

opinion leaders and politicians, they'd be horrified. One reason the loonie fell after the terror attacks was the publicity given in U.S. media to Canada's immigration and refugee policies, which were seen as far too tolerant of potentially dangerous people. Serious invasion began in worry that Canadian expats—particularly in arms and parts—would no longer enter the U.S. free of all but token inspection. As the loonie gave at Windsor's Ambassador Bridge, the loonie weakened.

Canadians like Lloyd Axworthy can tell themselves and other Canadians that Canada is a caring, tolerant society compared with the U.S., but such vaporous banalities are most safely confined to Canadian media. If Canada had the U.S. dollar, and the Fed were neglecting to fight inflation, then the Canadian left would scream "American imperialism" and demand that the Fed show some caring. The anti-globalism crowd would be hounding Old Glory.

Why give these economists a cause?

It's been tough for the parlous parks and other Canadian lefties since Jean Chrétien reversed his campaign pitches about signing up the North American Free Trade Agreement and abolishing the GST. Had he lived up to those "policies," Canada would, of course, have provided Argentina with the global *desperado* flag that's another story.

What is important is that so many Canadians actually believed that an economy based on anti-Americanism and runaway deficits would be viable.

Too many of them are still around. Although the NDP has suffered from the growth in economic malaise among the voters, the Old Left still has great influence on the perpetually powerful Liberals. Any hope Canada may have of building a truly vibrant, competitive economy that offers challenging careers for its own best and brightest depends on keeping those Old Left gains suppressed.

A united currency controlled 100 per cent by Americans would put the Old Left in front justifying any in a decade. It would also re-energize Quebec separatists. Their biggest grievance has been convincing Quebecers they could have independence and the Canadian dollar too—not some PQ fiat. If they already had usage of the greenback, then Quebec could raise Canada without immediate financial risk.

Canada has been demonstrating creeping communism since its recent years, and that means the loonie is now under attack. Even doing back came up for us. Keep that in mind.

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Sizzle on the water

There's something sexy about driving a hot boat. Sleek lines, power and speed have something to do with it. Luxury does too. Consider Concept Genesis, an electromechanically-plated sports-utility boat with voice-activated controls designed for those inclined toward high-end European SUVs. Built by Kelowna, B.C.-based Campion Marine Inc., the \$80,000 Genesis prototype is the product of imagination and an unlimited budget, designed for fishing, water skiing or loungeing about, says Neil Gilbert, Campion's director of research and development. "We basically took a boat that existed in our line," says Gilbert, "and pinched it up."

Campion adapted Claxon Corp.'s AutoPC voice-recognition hardware from the automotive sector and rewrote the software. Uttering a pre-selected word awakens the electronic brain of the on-scene visual. Once activated, the boat will respond to the command, "engine start." The motorist and docking lights, cruise control, 25-speaker stereo system, and tapes are all voice-activated. Dealers and the public have responded well, says Gilbert, but there are no immediate plans to go into production. Still, Gilbert's already had his baby doll out on the water. "I'm a toy guy," he says, "so for me it was like a wet dream." As in water, of course.

All for one

Craving everyone to pull in the right direction while moving a large piece of furniture is a tough enough. Try doing it with robots. NASA did. So did the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., recently got two autonomous, trailer-towed rovers to grasp a 2.5-m-radius

beam and carry it 50 m over snow-covered terrain. The rovers exchange data wirelessly, adapting to each other's directions and actions. Together they spin rods or change in terrain. Sensors in each robot's claw-like grip monitor the payload. If it begins to slip, the robots compensate collectively. The U.S. space agency says the rovers may be on outpost in advance of a visit to the Red Planet by humans. All together now.
Danyle Henselbiller



NASA's beeping bots share their thoughts

COOL SITE

Hidden DVD secrets

No surprise here: The technologically inclined like hiding stuff in their computer programming, whether it be secret, computer-game features or, in the case of www.dvdsaveseggs.com, a host of extra, unwatched movies squirreled away on DVDs. The site is composed of submissions from viewers who find so-called Easter eggs, which can be converted outtakes or humorous credits in films such as *Star Wars*. Episode 1—*The Phantom Menace*. Tips on how to use the website (scroll) to ferret out these digital details are alphabetically listed according to the movie's title. Happy hunting.

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A rare bird from the Rock

Canada's answer to *The Shipping News* captures the wit of Newfoundland

Name this movie. An Oscar-winning American actor chosen on location in Newfoundland with a Scandinavian-born director. The actor plays a sad sack introvert who has lost his wife, flounders in a mad-life crisis, gets buoyed up by a local eccentric with a knack for inventing news, almost drowns in an unforeseen way, and fills for a self-possessed redhead who's always one step ahead of him.

Write talking about *The Shipping News*, right? Well, yes. But the same description applies to *Rare Birds*—the other movie from the Rock. The Oscar-winning star is not Kevin Spacey but William Hurt. The red-haired love interest is not Julianne Moore but Molly Parker. Andy Jones, rather than Gordon Pinsent, is the movie's son who fills the idiosyncratic role of local messiah. And the unassuming vessel isn't a rowboat but a home-made submarine.

Despite the parallels, what's striking is the contrast between the two pictures. Directed by Sweden's Lasse Hallström, *The Shipping News* is a \$87-million Hollywood production based on an American novel. It's a drama, and it takes an outsider's reverent view of Newfoundland—as quirky, gothic, and essentially ancient. Directed by Icelandic-born Teemu Roine, *Rare Birds* is a \$5-million Canadian comedy based with the irreverent sense of humour that has become a Newfoundland trademark. And Gammison, who captures the rusted glory of Cape Spear in satirical, often strange images of the Rock that are more vivid than *Lost*.

Aside from Hurt, his cast is exclusively Canadian. In *The Shipping News*, foreign accents struggle with natives. "Newfoundland" accents in *Rare Birds*, Mary Walsh drops in for a cameo. And while Pinsent is confined to a small role in *The Shipping News*, Jones is the heart and soul of *Rare Birds*, making the movie from his Hollywood career. "He's incredible," Hurt said



Hurt plays 'a minor genius type'; Hurt (below with Parker) serves as straight man

me. "Right from the second day of shooting, I said, 'I'll be your straight man.'"

Adapted by St. John's writer Edward Richards from his own 1997 novel, *Rare Birds* is the story of Dave (Hurt), a gourmet chef who owns The Ark, a failing restaurant on a remote Newfoundland shore. Doomed by his wife (Siobhán McCarthy) and assigned to selling The Ark, Dave is plodding

through his way through the wine cellar. But as eccentric neighbour-sister Phoebe (Jones) concocts a scam to save the business—a false rumour that a rare duck has been sighted offshore. Soon her husband begins flocking in from far and wide, pulling the restaurant. Lost in a fog of jealousy and paranoia, Dave struggles to get his act together. And as Phoebe's beguiling states-on-line (Parker) steps in to serve as maître d', he is smitten with her, which only adds to his confusion.

Business, however, is just a distraction in what's basically a buddy movie, as odd duck odyssey with Jones' character at the helm. He's an inventor who has built a "recruitment submarine vehicle" in his shed, and believes eyes from "Wavelengths

are trying to steal his plans. He has also salvaged a large piece of coastline from the sea, and Dave (living up to the reputation of shells everywhere) is only too eager to taste it. The plot leaves the rails toward the end, but there's enough charm and wit along the way that it scarcely matters.

Over the years, he developed an allergy to Hurt's studied manner. But here he plays it comic this side, a deadpan portrait of quaint vacancy. He makes a generous foil for Parker, the bemused satirist, and for Jones, whose performance is a revelation, crackling with casual mischief and backhanded humour. If there's a comic equivalent to the art of deflating the puffed—the throwaway line that glances under the radar—Jones has mastered it.

Describing his character as "a minor genius type guy," the 56-year-old actor says, "There's one line that in every scene—the guy who sees his boat in half and lengthens it to meet the fisheries regulations."

Jones points to his own father as an example of that ingenuity. "He travelled around Newfoundland writing out films and projections," he says. "He'd bring a generator so a patch that had no electricity and he'd

tell the girls, 'You give me the patch half tonight and I'll give you the proceeds. Everyone from miles around would take home to go to a movie. The price would make a whole lot of money. Then he'd buy a generator from my father, and rent films from his fat years to come.'

Jones—whose siblings include comedian Carby (*The Heat* Jan 22 Above) and filmmaker Michael—is at the helm of a St. John's dynasty. A founding member of the CODCO troupe, he has worked in film, TV and theatre as a writer, director and actor. But playing opposite someone of Hurt's stature was a new test. "When the camera rolled," Jones says, "there was never any question you were not right in that scene. He fought really hard to make sure the most important thing was the actors in the scene. Which is hard. Often it's the lighting or the sound or something else. Especially if you're with a local crew in St. John's—I knew every single one of them and all their life stories."

Again, Jones adds, Hurt stepped a subtle and credible Newfoundland scene. And when I spoke to Hurt last fall, he the Toronto International Film Festival, he

reproduced about Newfoundland. "If anything's good about the film," he said, "it comes from there—the relationship of that magnificent people in that magnificent place." He then argued into a characteristically convoluted strand on Hollywood. "People can say those words I just said. People say it's nice to have quiet scenes and have the wife be your film's backdrop, your life person to just behind your narrative movie start. And you get a lot of people to come to your movie, looking for images against which to measure some subversive notions of themselves from individuals who have a pathological need for attention." Whew.

Hurt didn't say he was talking about Kevin Spacey and *The Shipping News*, but he could have been. Jones, meanwhile, says, "I don't think *The Shipping News* is trying to be accurate to Newfoundland. Where this film has Newfoundland oblique take on things. Without being nostalgic or romantic, it's a look at a dying breed—wolves self-sufficient people who can do anything."

Read the interview with William Hurt.
Rare Birds

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death. As social worker Cathy Vine and
witness Paul Challen recount in *Garden
of Shame* (Douglas & McIntyre),
Kruse killed himself three days after
a court-convicted former Maple Leaf
Garden employee Gordon Stuckless of sexually
abusing 24 hockey-mad boys in the Gardens over
two decades. [Many of Stuckless's victims be-
cause they were only criticized his original
sentence of two years less a day.]
Kruse was one of those boys, and the
one who'd gathered the teenage to-
bacco on the pole, even trading
down Stuckless for them. He
divulged one of the worst scan-
dals in the history of Canadian sport—
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Calgary's Great Divide

The finest parlor belongs to Joe Clark. The corner store was Princess Manning's domain. All this happens down a floor lane of asphalt.

This is one of the Great Divides of Canadian Politics: 50th Avenue S.W. in Calgary, Alta. Here, the great "win the right" drive spawned and died. Here, the Alliance steamroller rolled. Fifteenth Avenue is the border between Joe Clark's riding (Calgary Centre) and what was Princess Manning's stronghold (Calgary Southwest), and he stepped down last week. "It's a historic divide, as well," notes historian Harry Shadren. "Fifteenth Avenue used to be Calgary's southern boundary. Princess riding went annexed to the city until the 1950s." So it's also a divide between Old Calgary and the New.

The McLean & Holloway Farnell Home marks the south-eastern reach of Clark's fiefdom. When you cross 50th Avenue to Ben's corner store, you enter enemy territory—and now, with Manning gone, the fight has begun anew.

When I moved to Calgary three years ago, my friends down East were upset and perplexed. "Why Calgary?" they asked, disapprovingly implicit in the question. Why? Because Calgary is like no other place in Canada. Arrogant, outspoken and unapologetic, Calgary has the most highly educated population in the country, and one of the most self-reliant. It is a city of refinement—and ruthless—common sense. There is no Gordon loves big enough that Calgarians won't die through it. No problem so intractable that it can't be harnessed into submission. Having lived in almost every region of Canada, from the Maritimes to Quebec to Ontario, the Prairies and B.C., I find this outlook refreshing, even if it can be unbecoming. Certainly, there are times when this insistence on always looking to the bottom line is misleading—especially when it comes to areas such as medicine and quality of life, where the cold hard rules of the marketplace should not necessarily take priority.

I received far better medical attention in Saint John, N.B., than I ever have in Calgary. "What's the point of living in a wealthy province," I griped, "if we can't enjoy the benefits?" To which any Calgary colleague replied, "Hey, no one put a gun to your head and made you come here. You want to reap the benefits of socialism, move to Saskatchewan."

Calgary Love is as love is. Either way, quit yet whitening. I live in Joe Clark's riding. My office, however, is south of 50, deep in Alliance territory. Every day I take Elbow Drive south and cross over, from left to right. I never go through



a checkpoint, there are no armed guards or barbed wire. And yet, when I cross that divide, everything shifts. It is both subtle and profound.

Joe Clark's riding spans the Bow River, from the "urban village" of Kensington to the culs of 4th Street S.W. It includes gay bars and fusion cuisine, jazz clubs and francophone bookstores, the Eau Claire Market and the Chinese Cultural Centre. It is home to square-jawed, belly-dancer, razor-creased, river-creased, used-bookstore and the downtown theatre district. It has the highest concentration of journalists and street people anywhere in the province.

Princess's old riding, on the other hand, is a land of out, historically-walled shopping centres and sprawling suburban developments, where yards are tidy and homes are clean. The jewel of the crown, so to speak, is Chinook Centre, Calgary's largest mall, and a shining ode to consumerism. It is sleek and slick and packed with shoppers.

Between these extremes—Joe's world and Princess's—you have the full range of Calgary's undeniable character. That is more than a mere by-election coming up, that is a fight for the very soul of the city. But here's the thing: As the Tories and Alliance battle it out, one-to-one at 50th Avenue, the much-maligned Liberals are poised to snatch Calgary Southwest.

How could the Gens pull off such a coup? By appealing to the ruthless common sense and self-interest that defines Calgarians. No Liberal has been elected in Calgary since 1988, so imagine the amount of money Big Ben would pump into a riding that gave him a beachhead in the political heartland of Western Canada. It would be pork-barreling personified! The MP would be guaranteed a major Cabinet post, with all the patronage and perks that entails, and the riding would be slathered with cash. Billion-dollar fourmans would be built. Golf courses would appear on every front lawn.

In the inevitable vote-splitting that is sure to occur between the Tories and the Alliance, casting a jaundiced belief for the Liberals in Calgary Southwest makes perfect strategic sense.

And you better believe that if Calgary Southwest goes Red, I will be pulling up stakes and moving south of the 5-0. Government grants, advisory committees, fact-finding missions, parliamentary junkies. Being it on! I'm writing.

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